GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4024
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OFF TAKE OF FOODGRAINS .
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no off-take of foodgrains by the States due to high central issue prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the first half year of the current year;

(c) whether the Union Government are proposing to reduce issue price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The offtake of wheat and rice under the Public Distribution System (PDS) from the Central Pool during the six months of current calendar year i.e. January, 2002 to June, 2002 increased to a level of 78.49 lakh tonnes as against 56.37 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

The offtake of wheat and rice under PDS from the central pool during the last 6 months of current calendar year is given below:-

(in lakh tonnes)+

Month	Rice	Wheat	Total
January, 02	7.67	5.56	13.23
February, 02	5.71	4.43	10.14
March, 02	7.75	5.31	13.06
April, 02	7.22	4.27	11.49
May, 02	8.90	6.00	14.90
June, 02	8.21	7.46	15.67
Total	45.46	33.03	78.49

(+) Provisional

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.